

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 11 and 12 are pending in the present application.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claims 14 and 10. The Examiner indicated recently, over the telephone, that these changes place the present application into condition for allowance.

Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for his courtesy in granting a personal interview at the USPTO on November 29, 2005. Further, Applicants hereby confirm that the information set forth in the Interview Summary Form is accurate.

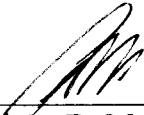
CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated:

Respectfully submitted,

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